



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6889

LCO No. 4182



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY ON CONTRACEPTIVES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Public
2 Health, in collaboration with the Insurance Department, shall study
3 the effectiveness of the following:

4 (1) Requiring insurance coverage of all contraceptive drugs, devices
5 and other products approved by the federal Food and Drug
6 Administration, including, but not limited to, over-the-counter
7 contraceptives;

8 (2) Prohibiting employers in Connecticut that offer prescription
9 drug coverage from excluding such coverage for prescription
10 contraceptive methods approved by the federal Food and Drug
11 Administration, except religious employers, as defined in section 38a-
12 536, of the general statutes, for which certain prescription
13 contraceptive methods are contrary to such employer's bona fide
14 religious tenets;

15 (3) Requiring religious employers for which certain prescription
16 methods are contrary to such employer's bona fide religious tenets to
17 disclose to their employees that they do not provide insurance
18 coverage for such contraceptive methods; and

19 (4) Requiring closely held for-profit employers to disclose to all
20 current and prospective employees any coverage limitations derived
21 from the beliefs of the employers' principal shareholders for services
22 other than prescription contraceptive methods.

23 (b) Not later than January 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Public
24 Health shall report on such study, in accordance with the provisions of
25 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of
26 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
27 health and insurance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require a study regarding access to certain methods of contraception.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]